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The House met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. KIM].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 22, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable JAY KIM to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.
NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We are thankful, O gracious God, that we have been given responsibility for our lives and times and are accountable for the way we use our talents and the resources of the land. We know that people in every place and in every age have obligations to lead and protect the gifts that have been given them as individuals and as a nation. We pray this day, O God, that Your Spirit would focus our hearts and minds on how we can be faithful in our tasks, trustworthy in our work, and enthusiastic about the issues of justice and mercy. May Your blessing be with us and all Your people, now and evermore. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GOSS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1421. An act to provide that references in the statutes of the United States to any committee or officer of the House of Representatives the name or jurisdiction of which was changed as part of the reorganization of the House of Representatives at the beginning of the 104th Congress shall be treated as referring to the currently applicable committee or officer of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 184. An act to establish an Office for Rare Disease in the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. BURNS, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. EXON to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. REID to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. SARBANES to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy.

TRIBUTE TO LES ASPIN

(Mr. SKELTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, last night America lost a great military thinker and I lost a friend. The death of Les Aspin, former Democratic Congressman from Wisconsin and Secretary of Defense, shocked our Nation. Les Aspin was my friend. I enjoyed my association with him while we worked together in the House Armed Services Committee and later while he was Secretary of Defense.

He was a genuine defense intellectual who understood military and strategic issues. More important, he recognized the threats we face in a dangerous and unstable world. As chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, he helped fashion the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986. He also supported the use of American arms to bring an end to the regime of Manuel Noriega in Panama in 1988 and to eject Saddam Hussein from Kuwait in 1991.

He shaped the Bottom-Up Review which is the framework of today's force structure and our national strategy.

I was active in his campaign, his election, and reelection as chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services. While chairman, he was kind enough to appoint me to head the military education panel which examined all 10 of America's war colleges.

I shall miss him. We shall miss him. America has lost an outstanding expert in military and national security. And I have lost a good friend.

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